

FROM FAIRVIEW CHURCH.

Sunday, the 15 inst. was a gala day. The pastor was away and we had an old fashioned basket meeting. Preaching at 11 A. M. Dinner followed for everybody. Services at 3:30 P. M. Large congregation in afternoon. It was a social feast of good things, yet there were some things that brought sad reflections. There were so many vacant seats. Since 1880, death has claimed many in this church. But God be praised, there places are not entirely vacant. I met some noble young members here, doing battle for the Master. The Prayer-meeting on Sunday evening, at 7:30, was well attended and was interesting, nearly all young people. Monday, visited an old friend and brother in Chilicotha. Tuesday, visited Sisters Myers and Stookey, aged ones. They were so rejoiced for the visit. They feel they have been neglected, with some others hope it may not be so in the future. Let us remember the aged ones.

A. J. Hixon.

FROM WATERLOO, IOWA.

Just returned from a two weeks visit with the Garrison congregation. I had a very pleasant visit, enjoyed meeting with them in their homes and in church service. I am greatly strengthened by being among them, their spiritual strength, love and appreciation inspired me as with new life. Not only was I benefitted, but the entire membership; while they are devout and earnest workers, they at times become discouraged, for they are almost as sheep without a shepherd, and grow hungry to have and hear the bread of life faith unto them. They meet each week at cottage prayer-meeting to worship God, learn more of the way of life, to receive strength and comfort one from another, to grow in grace and knowledge.

This morning I left them happy and in good spirits, strengthened and encouraged to go on with the good work they have been doing, looking forward to a brighter future. All they lack is God's house to worship and work in. I found and left all well except one sister, our beloved deaconess, whose health is not very good. And the past three weeks she has been very poorly, suffering a great deal, but seemed a little better the last day or two. She is a devout and sincere worker. Let our earnest prayer ascend that she may be healed and strengthened that she may be instrumental in doing good. I ask your earnest prayers for our brethren and sisters there. While there we organized a S. S. C. E. with fourteen members. There are others waiting an opportunity to join. Our sisters there had been working about

one year in C. E. work, and have in their treasury a little money. They were anxious and glad to be organized. The interest is good, all are active energetic workers, sentiment warm and united. They now feel that they are traveling to the National S. S. C. E. and are now privileged to enlarge its sphere of labors and its power of usefulness, and can work for the Brethren church for the Master's cause abroad as well as at home.

For their officers they have elected Sisters

Mrs. Susan Urice, President.

Mrs. Anna Troxel, Vice President.

Mrs. Lizzie Winner, Treasurer.

Miss Lyllian Urice, Secretary.

We send greeting to national and all local societies. The first work of our new society was to supply the ministers wardrobe, (quietly working together.) Tuesday evening at the close of service the society surprised and presented me with a lovely dress pattern. I greatly appreciate and am very thankful for their love, kindness and appreciation for me of which the dress is a token. Beside this the Brethren came with a silver token, enough to complete the garment and some beside. May God bless, strengthen and encourage both brethren and sisters and keep them sailing in the ocean of love, for the greatest of divine principals is love. And in the strength of Jesus may they go onward and upward. Not only at Garrison but throughout the entire brotherhood.

Sept. 20.

SADIE GIBBONS.

FROM HARRISBURG, VA.

It has been some time since I reported about the work of the S. S. C. E. at Bethlehem. I suppose Sister Grossnickle thinks we are on a stand still here in our society, but we are busy. We are still in the garment making work. We are succeeding well financially also spiritually. We have two work meetings per month and one public meeting. Our work meetings are proving to be a great benefit to us spiritually. Prayer and song cheer us and the Lord is blessing us abundantly. The business part of our meetings consists in pricing our goods to be sold, receiving orders for the making of garments and assigning work for the members.

Sister Wisman is our salesman and a good one too. She just takes up a great basket full of goods and carries them to our customers and sells for the cash. She is very faithful as are all the others. So you see we are not afraid to take hold and work. Our public meetings are very interesting—consisting of prayer, songs, addresses, essays, declamations, select reading, etc. May the Lord continue his blessings on us.

MARY C. HALL.

NOTICE.

The National Conference instructed the Secretary to complete the Statistical report of the year '95.

The congregations which have not reported must do so at once if they wish to be included in the final report.

Send the name and location of your congregation, number of members, number of church houses owned, number of accessions during the year, value of church property, number of scholars, teachers, and officers in your Sunday-school, name and address of pastor, and other information at your command.

Blank reports are all used. So we must be content with the above partial report.

If your congregation is not in our final report it is because you have not reported.

Send all reports to the Secretary.

J. ALLEN MILLER,

Ashland, Ohio.

FROM BURNS' CHAPEL.

The good work is still going on at this place. The basket meeting in Brother Hoffman's grove is a thing of the past. Our pastor, brother D. A. Hopkins, was called away to preach a funeral sermon, but was, by the will of God, permitted to be with us in the afternoon. We had a good meeting and Sunday school. We will hold our last quarterly business meeting for this Conference year, on Sept. 28. Our K. C. Society is moving along nicely, growing in interest and number. Two of our young associate members have chosen that good part and were willing to leave the beggarly elements of the world and walk with their King, Jesus. They were baptized last Saturday, Sept. 14. One of them was my own dear son. Oh, what joy it gives parents to see their children give their hearts to Jesus in their youth.

MRS. MARY W. SAYGER.

Akron, Ind.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

We preached to two large and attentive audiences yesterday at New Troy Michigan. At close of our morning's service, we extended the usual invitation, and one young lady came forward, and accepted Christ as her Saviour. In the afternoon we repaired to a stream of water near by, and baptized her according to New Testament precept and command. Confirmation before evening services. So the good work moves along. Our audiences are increasing in numbers, interest and spirit. The outlook at this point is very encouraging. Praise the Lord. Yours in his service.

WM. D. FURRY.

South Bend, Sept. 23.